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"The work of the Hospital Corps consists in attendance upon the sick of the Navy and Marine Corps, both officers and men, ashore and afloat. Modern hospitals are maintained in practically all the principal seaports of the country where a more comprehensive study is given. On the termination of a four years' enlistment with the more advanced practical work, both aboard ship and in hospitals, a member of the Corps is well qualified for any work in connection with his vocation, in or out of the Naval Service."

Since the creation of the Naval Reserve for former enlisted men of the Navy with honorable discharges, it is believed that some hospital corps men entering this reserve, would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of following nursing in civil life if they were brought in touch with authorities that are in need of their services. Of course it is to be understood that not all are fitted for such work, as the surroundings are wholly different from those accustomed to in military service; nevertheless, there are many who are well suited and would do creditable work.

It is believed that after a better understanding of the material of the Naval Hospital Corps is obtained, some method could be inaugurated whereby the valuable services of the Naval nurse could be brought within reach of those needing them.

I will gladly give more detailed information regarding the Naval Hospital Corps to anyone desiring it.

V. L.

A MOUNTAIN CALL

DEAR EDITOR: One, two, rang the telephone. Yes, this is Miss Baker. Want me to go where? To Ivy? Who will meet me? Dr. Baptist? All right, I shall make the 10.30 train.

An hour later, all arrayed in traveling suit, I awaited the oncoming train for Ivy, and then a few miles brought me to the station designated, where the doctor awaited me in his Ford car and with a short run we were dining with his good wife and I learned from his clever children something of what I was to expect on my case. Such as, "When Daddy went to see your patient the other day he got stuck in the river and had to walk barefooted on the rocks, for half a mile to get some one to pull him out." Then another bright-eyed little rascal came out with, "Yes, I went with Daddy to the place you are going and the ceiling in that little log cabin isn't as high as my head." I was feeling somewhat depressed over the outlook, when the third chirped up with, "He has typhoid fever, too." Taking a glance from the porch, I saw that the clouds were thick and heavy, hanging all around the mountains, and inwardly I was hoping and praying that Daddy would reconsider about the Ford and try horses. However, out came the car and we started, bump, bump, bump, over the mountain road until we came to the river, then right in the middle, sure enough, down came the engine, dead.

The doctor got out of shoes and socks, rolling up his trousers to the knees, and jumped in to crank up. One, two, three times, then he got it and we were going once more, he still being barefooted until we stopped at a log cabin to get some water, for we were smoking so by now that we were almost afraid of an explosion. Here the good woman gave us some peaches and the doctor, all clad again, we started off over the roughest road I have yet traveled, the doctor steering and eating peaches all at the same time. We then came to a two-roomed cabin. This was where I was to stay and, just as the child had said, the ceiling

was so low I had to dip to get in at the door. The front room, which was about ten by twelve feet, had two so-called windows, better described as three by three feet cuddy holes. The room adjoining was a long dark stall with no windows and here lay my patient with not one bit of God's sun, air or light on him. I climbed up into the attic to get changed to my uniform and here met the problem of hiding my clothes away from the rats, as the wizardly looking old woman said "they et up everything in the house." I then moved my patient from the dark stall into the more decent room and proceeded to give a temperature bath, as he then registered 103° and had eyes sparkling with the poison of the bacillus. This sponge bath recalls a picture too awful to mention in detail, for my patient was crawling with bed bugs. How should a nurse feel when she gets such a call? The doctor for whom I am nursing complains that few nurses will respond. I think all of us who dare claim Florence Nightingale for our mother nurse should answer this call cheerfully and bring the best that lies within us, trying to leave behind enough of the solid rock to be a monument to the mother of all nurses.

Virginia

E. M. B.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

DEAR EDITOR: Will you kindly ask the readers of the JOURNAL if they will give us the benefit of their experience with student government in the training school, versus so-called military rule? I think it would be of interest to many to have this matter discussed from the point of view of the superintendent of the training school and also from that of the graduate nurse.

Canada.

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